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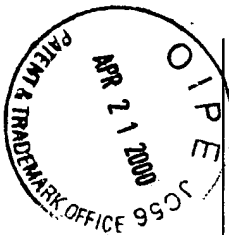
In the application of:

Janos SZE BENI et al.

Serial No.: 09/183,375

Filing Date: October 30, 1998

For: METHOD OF INHIBITING SIDE
EFFECTS OF PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING
AMPHIPHILIC VEHICLES OR DRUG
CARRIER MOLECULES



Examiner: Kishore, G.

Group Art Unit: 1615

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 22, 1999 for which a response was due on January 21, 2000. A three-month petition for extension of time is submitted herewith.

Applicants elect without traverse the claims of Group I (claims 1-6 and 10-17).

Pursuant the election of species requirements A and B. Applicants elect from Group A, the method of treating and preventing (Claims 1-6, 10 and 12-17), species "1" and from Group B for purposes of examination, Applicants elect from Group B chemical species SCRI for purposes of initial examination.

Claims 1-6, 10 and 12-17 correspond to species "1" from Group A. All these claims correspond to elected chemical species from Group B.

Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 378332000900. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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